

## Convergence Summit will Unite Leaders to Combat Sexual Exploitation in the Mobile Age



### **X CONVERGENCE** UNITING LEADERS TO COMBAT SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN THE MOBILE AGE

2011 promises to be another year of exciting changes and complex challenges for our society, and pureHOPE is determined to increase its leadership position in providing solutions to the threats facing individuals and families in this increasingly sexualized culture. At the center of that effort this year is *Convergence*, a summit pureHOPE is co-sponsoring with the Religious Alliance Against Pornography **April 13 – 14 in Baltimore, MD.**

Today, mobile technology and social media are changing society in remarkably exciting ways. At the same time, they are exposing young people to shockingly destructive sexual content, behavior, and exploitation. Not only are mobile devices and media making pornography increasingly ubiquitous, new technologies are also playing a part in the mainstreaming of prostitution and sex trafficking, and even leading to the creation of new exploitive activities such as “sexting” and “sextortion.”

To address effectively the convergence of new mobile technology with pornography and other forms of exploitation, high-level leaders in government, industry, education, and the faith community must themselves converge in their understanding of the issues and their development of solutions. The *Convergence* summit will provide a venue for this to happen.

The summit will be held at The Conference Center at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, MD (five minutes from the Baltimore-Washington International Airport). The first day of the event will feature lectures and panel discussions designed to educate attendees on current trends, research, and policy perspectives regarding the social costs of pornography, its increased accessibility through mobile devices, and its linkage to the rise in the sex trafficking of women and children in the United States.

The second day will focus on working group sessions to involve attendees in the process of developing solutions to the increasing challenge of protecting young people and families from the harms of sexually graphic content and sexual exploitation delivered through mobile technology.

The highlight of the event, without question, will be the quality and diversity of the leaders assembled. Confirmed speakers already include:

- **Steve Largent of CTIA – The Wireless Association**
- **Dr. Mary Anne Layden of the University of Pennsylvania**
- **Israel Gaither and Lisa Thompson of the Salvation Army**
- **Dr. Judith Reisman of the Institute for Media Education**
- **Linda Smith of Shared Hope International**
- **Patrick Trueman, formerly of the Department of Justice**
- **Laura Lederer of Global Centurion**
- **And many other leading experts**



Other participants will include business leaders, public officials, academicians, and religious leaders from across the nation.

“The *Convergence* summit represents an opportunity for us to bring together influential figures from across the country to confront the tsunami of technology-driven sexual exploitation,” said Rick Schatz, president and CEO of pureHOPE. “More than just an educational meeting, this event will result in substantive recommendations and viable solutions to stem the tide of sexually exploitive content and activity being delivered into the homes, and now hands, of every American through the Internet.”



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The summit is a result of the unique position in which pureHOPE has landed after years of work on the issues of pornography, wireless technology, and sex trafficking, as well as its longstanding partnership with the Religious Alliance Against Pornography, an interfaith group of Christian, Jewish, and Muslim leaders united to oppose the scourge of pornography.

“One of the primary reasons we have invested in this event is that we believe we have been uniquely positioned to play a role in uniting leaders to connect the dots between porn, trafficking, and technology so as to create innovative approaches going forward,” added Schatz. “We desire to be faithful to God’s calling and to honor Him by prayerfully assembling decision-makers, including many top leaders in the faith community, to make a difference in the battle we witness raging all around us.”

For more than twenty-seven years, pureHOPE has been educating and equipping the Christian community to live in sexual purity, to understand and embrace classic Christian sexual ethics, and to engage in loving and effective action to protect children, families, and communities from the devastating effects of pornography and other forms of sexual exploitation. Never has this mission been more important, and *Convergence* will be a vital platform for furthering this work into the future.

To learn more about the event, including details regarding schedule, speakers, and registration costs, please visit [www.convergencesummit.net](http://www.convergencesummit.net).

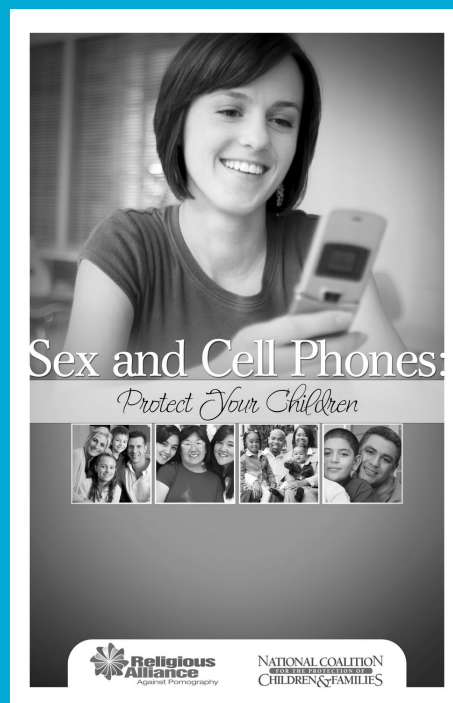


## *iCare* Enhances Parenting Toolbox

Wireless devices such as cell phones, iPods, and netbooks were top-selling holiday gift items this past Christmas season. However, many experts believe parents are unaware of the harmful content their child could be exposed to on such devices.

“While mobile technology is a wonderful tool by which families can communicate and stay connected, it poses many hidden dangers that parents need to be made aware,” said Kari Glemaker, national director of *iCare*.

In an effort to help parents make wise choices as they purchase wireless devices for children, pureHOPE produced the resource booklet *Sex and Cell Phones: Protect Your Children* in partnership with the Religious Alliance Against Pornography.



In addition to becoming equipped by reading *Sex and Cell Phones*, Glemaker recommends the following:

- Become educated about the new technology and its capabilities through the *iCare* website at [www.icarecoalition.org](http://www.icarecoalition.org).
- Engage in open and consistent discussions with your family about safe use practices (see Safe Use Agreement in booklet).
- Install filtering/monitoring services, such as Covenant Eyes ([www.covenanteyes.org](http://www.covenanteyes.org)) and Safe Eyes ([www.internetsafety.com](http://www.internetsafety.com)), on **all** internet-capable devices.
- Check with your wireless provider and enable all parental control options.
- Multiply yourself by sharing your knowledge and the *Sex and Cell Phones* booklet with others individually, in small groups, and through the viral use of e-mail.

To purchase *Sex and Cell Phones: Protect Your Children* and to view additional resources, please visit [www.purehope.net/shop.asp](http://www.purehope.net/shop.asp).

# pureHOPE Conferences Expand in the New Year



## MEN OF VALOR

During 2011, pureHOPE expects thousands to join us at nearly a dozen conferences planned across the country aimed at equipping men, women and youth to live a life of integrity as well as providing hope, help and healing for those impacted by the sexualized culture.

Men of Valor, Women of Virtue and Youth for Truth events equip men and women of all ages, including junior high and high school age students, for the daily pursuit of sexual integrity and moral excellence.

In addition to an outstanding lineup of keynote speakers including Chuck Stecker, Shannon Ethridge, Jason Evert, Nate Larkin, Meg Wilson, Jon Kitna (Dallas Cowboys Quarterback), Eric Boles, Sean McKay, Dr. Ted Roberts and Pam Stenzel, these conferences feature authentic worship and multiple breakout sessions that will dig deeper into specific aspects of sexual purity and wholeness.

## WOMEN OF VIRTUE

**Please join us at one of these conferences near you!**

KANSAS CITY MEN OF VALOR  
WOMEN OF VIRTUE  
YOUTH FOR TRUTH – **NEW!**  
January 28-29, 2011

COLUMBUS MEN OF VALOR  
February 5, 2011

DALLAS MEN OF VALOR  
February 19, 2011

SEATTLE MEN OF VALOR  
February 19, 2011

CINCINNATI MEN OF VALOR  
March 5, 2011

CINCINNATI WOMEN OF VIRTUE – **NEW!**  
March 19, 2011

NEW ENGLAND MEN OF VALOR – **NEW!**  
October 22, 2011

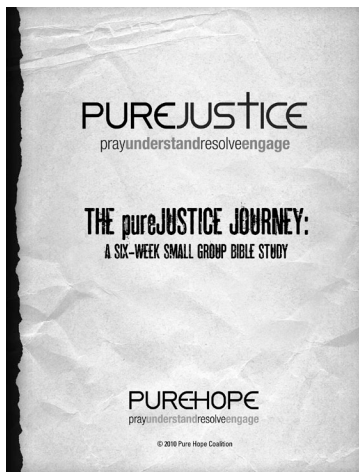
## YOUTH FOR TRUTH REAL LOVE: I'M WORTH IT!

In addition to these superb conferences, the third annual Restoring Hearts conference will be held in Seattle on March 19, 2011. This event provides information, tools and resources to assist women in their healing journey as they cope with their husband's sexual betrayal – from pornography use to extra-marital affairs.

**For more information about any of these events, please visit [www.purehope.net](http://www.purehope.net).**



## New pureHOPE Resource Equips the Church



As part of our pureJUSTICE program, we have developed a six-week small group Bible study designed to lead participants into deeper understanding of God's purposes for human sexuality, the injustices that occur when those purposes are perverted, and how purity of heart and a justice lifestyle are the proper response of a servant of Jesus Christ to the evils of pornography and sex trafficking.

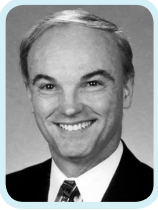
The reality of sex trafficking in our communities and across the globe leaves Christians with many questions. How should servants of Jesus Christ respond to such brutal injustice? How should we live in such an exploitative world? How can we make a difference? The answers are found in the Bible, the central theme of which is God's entry into a dark and oppressed world to rescue and redeem a people in bondage.

In the pureJUSTICE Bible study, participants investigate the injustices of sex trafficking, pornography, and other forms of sexual exploitation, and, through prayer, study, and discussion, apply God's Word to cultivate a lifestyle of justice.

This resource, appropriate for participants high school age and older, is currently available on the pureJUSTICE section of our website and is ideal for implementation in existing church and campus small groups.

**To download your copy today, visit [www.purehope.net/purejustice](http://www.purehope.net/purejustice).**

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# Letter from the President

**PUREHOPE**  
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Dear friend,

I pray the recent Christmas season was a blessing to you and yours. The Schatz family was certainly overjoyed with the addition of our sweet grandson...the best Christmas gift to be had! New life is always a precious reminder of God's promises and faithfulness to us year after year!

With 2011 already underway, there are many upcoming ministry events we want to share with you. As you read on page one, pureHOPE is thrilled to be co-sponsoring *Convergence* in mid-April. The need to develop solutions that protect families from sexually graphic content through mobile devices has never been greater...and we are meeting this need head-on!

In addition to *Convergence*, pureHOPE is presenting ten conferences in 2011 spanning from New England to Seattle. We pray men, women, and youth will leave each event with a renewed call to live in purity! Please check out page three for all the conference information, and mark your calendars today for the event nearest you!

In a continuing effort to produce resources for church and campus small groups, we have developed The pureJUSTICE Journey Bible study. We hope you will download your copy of the study to learn how you can make a difference in our exploitative culture.

As always, I cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support. The Lord has blessed pureHOPE with so many faithful ministry partners, for whom we are so grateful. Laboring together, we will make an impact for Christ in this nation!

## Exciting New Ministry Developments

The pureHOPE staff continues to be encouraged as God opens doors for ministry across the country. There is a growing need to serve churches and Christian schools nationwide, and we are meeting such needs in tangible ways.

While there are many developments to share, we would like to highlight exciting ministry opportunities in California. A faithful ministry partner recently organized a breakfast meeting with over twenty business leaders and pastors from four key area churches. The gathering led to multiple events in which we were able to serve—preaching opportunities, educating both faculty and parents of a large Christian high school, and most recently, training of more than 120 lay pastors at Saddleback Church. Plans for similar events are currently underway with a number of key churches in the community. Finally, pureHOPE has been given the opportunity to speak and introduce our ministry to a large group of Christian business leaders in San Diego and Orange County in February.

**pureHOPE stands on tiptoe to see what God will do not only in the New Year, but also in many years to come!**



**With hope for children & families,**

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